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The United States met with its Western allies to discuss creating an international anti-terrorism network designed to prevent attacks during the summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, officials said.

'A meeting of officials did take place in Washington,' a Foreign Office spokesman said. 'Foreign Office officials took part in the meeting on behalf of Britain.'

The spokesman said the two-day meeting last week was called by the Central Intelligence Agency and focused on ways to combat international terrorism. He described as 'correct' a Daily Telegraph report Wednesday that officials of Britain, West Germany, France, Japan, Italy and Canada attended the talks.

The Telegraph said the CIA had 'asked Britain, West Germany, Israel and some other allied countries to join in the creation of a new international anti-terrorism network.'

The spokesman did not say, however, if an Israeli representative was present at the meeting.

The Telegraph said U.S. officials were worried about possible terrorist acts during the summer Olympic Games.

The report said one of the network's tasks would be 'to collate information on foreign terrorist groups, especially those with links to Iran, who it is thought would be the most likely to try to disrupt the games.'

The Telegraph said an information evaluation group was set up at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., 'to handle agents' reports on the activities of terrorist groups and to create a new computerized data system.'

The Washington Post -- citing information obtained from the CIA and French, Israeli and Lebanese intelligence sources -- reported Wednesday that international intelligence services had uncovered Iranian and Syrian involvement in the Beirut suicide bombings Oct. 23 last year.

Syria repeated denial of its involvement, saying there was no proof of any Syrian role in the suicide car attacks, which killed 241 American servicemen and 58 French soldiers. Iran also denied responsibility.